

Regular meeting of the Livingston Mayor and Board of Alderman on August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Livingston City Hall.

Alderman Present: John Clough
Ken Dodson
Bruce Elder
David Langford
Bill Linder

Alderman Absent: Rex Dale

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Bill Linder made the motion to accept the minutes. Bruce Elder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes stated that the Fire Department needed to be added to the agenda.

David Langford made the motion to add Fire Department to the agenda. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Shannon Cantrell, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a video spotlighting Overton County that will be on the TN Vacation website.

Gene Gantt, Chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, gave an update on the various projects. He informed the Board that they were not successful in their application for the TVA InvestPrep Grant (Industrial Park). A TVA consultant encouraged them to apply for TNECD Site Development Grant.

Airport Chairman Jason Duke and Josh Abramson of Barge Solutions were present to discuss the Airport Project. Mr. Abramson stated that they were in negotiations with property owners for an undeveloped strip of land for the security fence. They are in the process of closing with one property owner, and they are close on an agreement with another property owner. There hasn't been an agreement with the other two property owners. He stated that he would have to get with back with the negotiator on establishing a reasonable deadline.

Ken Dodson made the motion authorizing the mayor to proceed with the necessary procedures if agreements haven't been reached by the end of the year. Bruce Elder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Police Chief Ray Smith presented a camera policy to the Board of Alderman.

Bill Linder made the motion to approve the Camera Policy for the Livingston Police Department. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Police Chief Smith requested permission to purchase the following equipment.

- a. 15 patrol rifles
- b. 10 "less than lethal shotguns
- c. 6 Glock pistols
- d. Training simulator
- e. Body Armor

Mayor Hayes reported that the city advertised for bids, but no bid was received.

After discussion, John Clough made the motion to approve the purchases not to exceed \$55,000.00. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Police Chief Smith requested that the cost of accident reports, fines and safety schools be increased as follow:

- a. Accident reports \$ 6.00 to \$10.00
- b. Fines \$158.75 to \$200.00
- c. Safety School \$ 60.00 to \$100.00

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the new prices. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Chief Smith reported that the Livingston Police Department had been awarded \$225,000.00 for SROs from the State of Tennessee.

Police Chief Smith reported that they were also going to revive the D.A.R.E. program.

Mayor Hayes reported that the vehicle purchase that was approved last month will have to be bid on due to a misunderstanding on the state bid that was approved last month. This vehicle is going to be purchased out of proceeds from the recent surplus property sale. This vehicle will be used by the Fire Department first responders.

Mayor Hayes reported that one bid had been received on the Pickleball court. The bid was from Cloyd's Fencing in the amount of \$35,250.00.

John Clough made the motion to accept the bid from Cloyd's Fencing in the amount of \$35,250.00. Bruce Elder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Gavan Rodriguez of the Fire Department was present to discuss the recent pay scale. He had questions about why the pay scale for the fire department was so much different than the police department and some other positions.

Cindy Beresh-Bryant of HR Solutions explained how the rate of pay for each position was determined.

Alderman Langford stated that he did not think that the city could afford the pay scale that was adopted. He feels that the fire department is just like the police department.

Cindy Cooper was present to discuss concerns about parking problems by her building on S. Church Street. Her concern was that the bands could not unload their equipment if other people were parked by her building. Mayor Hayes stated that if there was a problem in the future to let him and/or police department know.

John Clough made the motion to adjourn. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____